

House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2006.

Committee Meetings

ESTATE TAX AND EXTENSION OF TAX RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5970. The rule provides one hour of debate on H.R. 5970, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000, to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, and to extend expiring provisions, and for other purposes, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 5970. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 5970.

PENSION PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 4, to provide economic security for all Americans, and for other purposes, in the House equally divided among and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means and the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 4. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 4. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kline, George Miller of California and Hoyer.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 849)

H.R. 9, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Signed on July 27, 2006. (Public Law 109-246)

H.R. 2872, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Louis Braille. Signed on July 27, 2006. (Public Law 109-247)

H.R. 4472, to protect children from sexual exploitation and violent crime, to prevent child abuse and child pornography, to promote Internet safety, and to honor the memory of Adam Walsh and other child crime victims. Signed on July 27, 2006. (Public Law 109-248)

H.R. 5117, to exempt persons with disabilities from the prohibition against providing section 8 rental assistance to college students. Signed on July 27, 2006. (Public Law 109-249)

H.R. 5865, to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to temporarily increase funding for the program of temporary assistance for United States citizens returned from foreign countries. Signed on July 27, 2006. (Public Law 109-250)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 31 through August 5, 2006

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 3711, Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon to occur at 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to continue consideration of S. 3711, Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act, and any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and conference reports, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: August 2, Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold hearings to examine H.R. 4200, to improve the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to promptly implement recovery treatments in response to catastrophic events affecting Federal lands under their jurisdiction, including the removal of dead and damaged trees and the implementation of reforestation treatments, to support the recovery of non-Federal lands damaged by catastrophic events, to revitalize Forest Service experimental forests, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: August 2, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to continue hearings to examine progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: August 1, to receive a closed briefing from the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, 11 a.m., SR-222.

August 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Boeing Company Global Settlement Agreement, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

August 2, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the future of military commissions in light of the Supreme Court decision in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

August 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Iraq, Afghanistan and the global war on terrorism; to be followed by a closed session in SR-222, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: August 2, business meeting to consider an original bill to improve ratings quality for the protection of investors and in the public interest by fostering accountability, transparency, and competition in the credit rating agency industry, 10 a.m., SD-538.